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FEEDING HILLS

Work resumes on drive-through businesses

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Construction has resumed in Feeding Hills Center after a judge last month dismissed a court case challenging two drive-through windows planned for commercial property on North Westfield Street.

Western Housing Court gave developer Ralph DePalma a green light to proceed with building a new Holyoke Credit Union branch and a Dunkin' Donuts at 38 N. Westfield St., next to the Pride gas station. Springfield attorney Bart Heemskerk had filed an appeal of the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals decision allowing the drive-

through windows, representing Barbara Murphy, Michael and Kimberly Murphy (no relation to Barbara), and Emiddio Botta, all residents of North Westfield Street. The four alleged that the ZBA operated outside its authority and that the project would hurt their property values.

The original appeal was filed on

July 10, 2015, and caused DePalma to put part of his three-building commercial complex on hold. A medical office in the center of the property was built and is currently operating, but the credit union and coffee shop, both of which will have drive-through windows, were placed on hold pending the results of the appeal.

The plaintiffs in the case sued DePalma and the Agawam ZBA. Patrick Toney, who is now the city solicitor, represented the ZBA in the case.

In the decision, Judge Dina Fein found that the use of the property is appropriate for the

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SCHOOL STREET PARK

Banding together for Darcy



The new band shell at School Street Park was dedicated to longtime Agawam High School band director Darcy Davis, pictured in inset at left alongside Mayor Richard Cohen, during the annual Bandathon music festival on Saturday, May 28. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Musicians young and old pay tribute to longtime director, teacher

By **Michael J. Ballway**
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Perhaps it's fitting that Darcy Davis' name is now on Agawam's premier outdoor concert stage.

After all, 20 years after he retired from Agawam High School, he's still the foundation of youth music in town, his successors said while dedicating the year-old School Street Park

band shell on Saturday.

Scott Thomson said everything he did as band director came from his predecessor.

"My best teacher and mentor I ever had was Darcy Davis," Thomson said. "Everything I ever learned about marching band was all from him."

Davis had already been retired for more than a decade when the current band director, William Hueglin, came

on board, but he remembers being struck by Davis' ongoing interest and care for the music program. Hueglin said every Agawam band director since Davis has tried to carry on his legacy.

"We can attribute all the success the program has had since he retired to the foundation he laid," Hueglin said.

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CAPITAL PLAN

Mayor wants discussion over pre-K building

By **Michael J. Ballway**
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Town officials wouldn't need a ballot vote to issue bonds for an Early Childhood Center, the largest single item on the town Capital Improvement Plan to be discussed at a City Council meeting next week.

The proposed kindergarten and pre-K building, which the School Committee hopes to build on the grounds of Clark School, is envisioned as a 20-year borrowing projected to cost

\$1.76 million in debt service in fiscal 2018, with annual payments declining to \$1.59 million by fiscal 2023.

If construction is approved by the City Council this year, the average residential taxpayer could see an annual hike of \$175 to \$300, Mayor Richard Cohen said.

"That's a lot," said the mayor. "There's a lot of people who are working who can't afford a tax increase."

The plan, submitted by the mayor in April, uses an estimate of \$21.35 million for construction costs for the

ECC. Last month, consultants told the School Committee the actual cost may be as high as \$26 million.

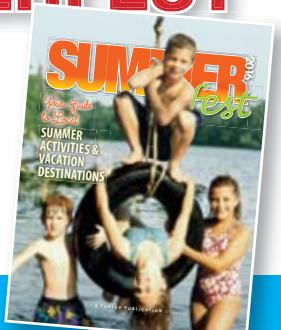
Cohen said there is a definite need for a new Early Childhood Center — "we're using hallways as play areas" — but depending on city councilors' and voters' appetite for a tax increase, the project may have to wait. He noted that both the Senior Center and the high school athletics fields project, currently being built, were pushed

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ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

Principal will end 'a pretty good run'

Palazzi retiring after 25 years as educator in her hometown

By **Mike Lydick**
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When teachers and administrators are rushing back from summer vacations for a new school year this September, Cindy Palazzi will be relaxing with her husband on their sailboat in Block Island's harbor.

The Robinson Park School principal won't be playing hooky — she will be enjoying retirement following a 25-year education career in Agawam. Palazzi, who's served as the school's principal for the past 14 years, is among 17 school employees retiring this month.

Palazzi considered retiring last year, but realized she wasn't ready. This year, however, is the "right time" to retire.

"I've had a pretty good run," she said.



Cynthia Palazzi

She's retiring under an early retirement incentive, but Palazzi, 58, said her primary reason is "to enjoy some new life experiences while my husband and I are still healthy enough to do so."

An Agawam native, Palazzi was a fourth grader at Phelps School when she decided to be a teacher.

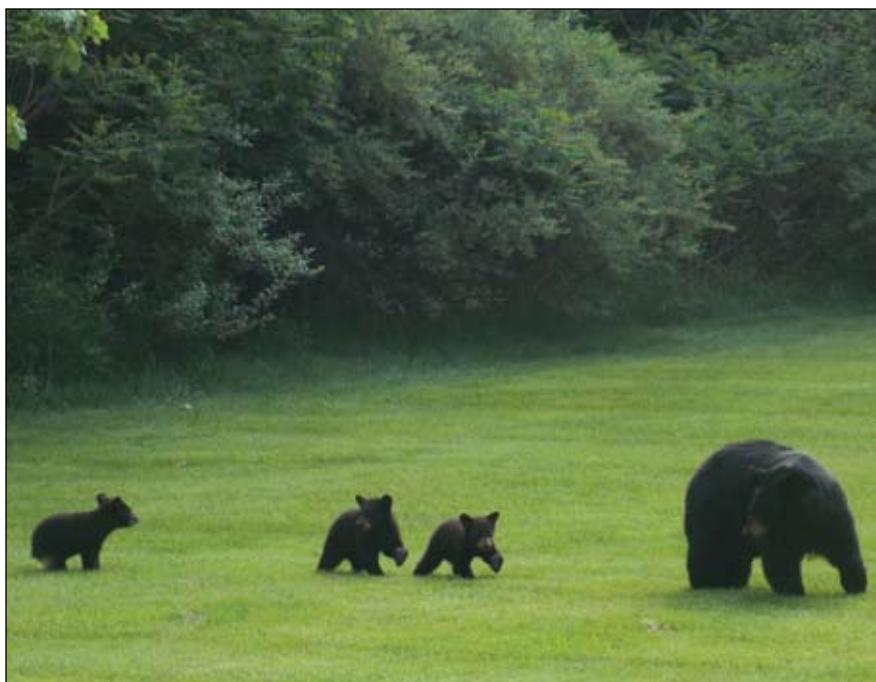
"I went into third grade with Mrs. Janet Wysocki and then fourth grade with Mrs. Bernie Polopek — two of the greatest teachers I've ever known. After third grade, I knew I wanted to become a teacher," she recalled.

A dual major at Elms College, Palazzi graduated in 1979 as a certified K-8 teacher and a K-12 speech therapist. That fall, Palazzi began teaching as a part-time speech therapist at the

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Out for a stroll



Carole Machietto, of Longbrook Estates in Agawam, took this backyard photo recently of a momma bear and her cubs. The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes submissions from local photographers — send your images of local events and nature scenes to aan@turley.com.

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'Teen Area' open



Among some of the recent changes at the Agawam Public Library is the newly revamped Teen Area, on the lower level of the library and specially designed for students ages 13 to 18. The area is reserved for teens from 2 to 9 p.m. during the school year. In this area, teens can find young adult fiction and nonfiction books, computers and comfortable seating. The library welcomes public opinion at 413-789-1550, ext. 3, or at www.agawamlibrary.org.

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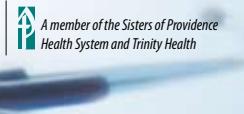
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Walks, talks at Robinson Park Day

Robinson State Park Day will be held Saturday, June 18, and will include the annual tradition of fun and educational activities sponsored by the Friends of Robinson State Park and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. All are invited to the many activities planned for that day.

* A bird identification walk will take place at 8:30 a.m., led by John Hutchison of the Allen Bird Club.

* The tree bus, a clever and educational van packed full of information about trees, will be back at the pavilion all day.

* Rod Parlee of the Bolton, Conn., Conservation Commission, will present Rapid Stream Assessments, an educational half-hour session beginning at 9 a.m. and will then guide water quality assessments in several of the park streams.

* Attendees are invited to explore Robinson Pond with "What's in the Water" led by Gini Traub, DCR interpreter. This will be ongoing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is especially geared to children accompanied by an adult.

* Art teacher Sharon Vasicek will offer "Make Origami Frogs" from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. demonstrated by art teacher Sharon Vasicek.

* A forest hike led by the Wilbraham Hiking Club will begin at 9:30 a.m. and includes a two-mile hike with an additional two-mile loop.

* Big tree walks will be led by Matt "Twig" Largess, an arborist from Rhode Island.

* Walks by request will be available courtesy of Dave Conley, who will lead walkers wherever they want to explore, including the waterfall, the CCC camp area, to a certified vernal pool or old railroad trestles.

* There will be a Westfield River Watershed Canoe Cruise from the center of Westfield to Robinson State Park. Register at the Great River Bridges in Westfield between 10 and 11 a.m.

There is an \$8 parking charge for Massachusetts cars and a \$10 charge for out-of-state cars for anyone attending Robinson State Park Day. Some discounts apply. Seniors age 62 and over may purchase a pass for \$10, which is good for all DCR properties for a lifetime. Handicap and veteran discounts may be available at the gate.

Friends mark 10th anniversary

The Friends of Robinson State Park is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year. It was May 22, 2006, that the chief forester of the Department of Conservation and Recreation held a meeting at the Aga-

wam Public Library to announce to the community why they had already marked trees for a commercial timber sale on over 135 acres of Robinson State Park. Area concerned citizens gathered to ask why this was being described as a "done deal" when there had been no management plan and no public input.

Prior to that meeting, citizens who live near or visited the park had seen paint on the trees and asked each other what was going on. When they heard of a possible timber sale, they made signs, reached out to other community members, expressed their concern in a variety of ways and requested a meeting with DCR. But it was after that May meeting that they joined together as "Friends" opposed to the state plans. They held meetings, invited the public to walks in the park, and enlisted the help of scientists and related experts, including arborist Matt Largess of Rhode Island. They went to the media and their legislators with their belief that the timber sale would do more harm than good to the park, and that the state had an inadequate understanding of the tremendous diversity, including listed species that existed in the park and needed protection.

The short summary of the end of the two-year struggle was a revision to the state plans. Dead and dying red pines at the front entrance and around the park headquarters that were deemed "hazard trees" were removed. The plan for the commercial harvest of healthy hardwoods was canceled.

The "struggle" at Robinson State Park, as well as similar controversies in other DCR properties across the state, led to a state sponsored Forest Futures Visioning Process. As part of the decisions resulting from that year-long process in 2009 and 2010, Robinson State Park and many other properties, including the urban parks in the Boston area, were designated by the state as "parklands" in which there would be no commercial harvesting of timber. The only cutting allowed would be for the safety of park visitors and for the enhancement of recreation.

Now the Friends' mission is to keep a watchful eye on the park, and introduce as many people as possible to the natural beauty, history, features and biodiversity of the park. The goal is to help the park staff when possible and always express appreciation for this park that belongs to all of us.

More details of the June 18 events can be found at www.friendsofrobinsonstatepark.org or by emailing robinsonfriends@comcast.net.

Juried 3D art show opens Wednesday

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library will present a four-day exhibition of three-dimensional art objects in the second Open Juried 3D Art Object Show. The exhibition will include art objects from a broad range of artistic endeavors, including traditional and contemporary sculpture, jewelry, furniture, ceramics and other artisan and

craft categories.

This show brings together a broad mixture of art forms and media, which may include stone, bronze, wood, metals, fabrics, glass, recyclables or found objects, and which may present as a single medium or mixed media.

The exhibition will run June 8-11 at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Party for AHS retirees is June 9

The Agawam High School Retirement Party will be held on Thursday, June 9, at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

Social hour is at 3 p.m., with dinner following at 4. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the high school office. For more information, please call 413-821-0532.

Town Republicans to meet June 8

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Gino's Pizza, 360 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. The committee welcomes anyone interested in learning about its purpose and meeting the members to join them for pizza before the 7 p.m. business meeting.

Town offering free business workshop

The mayor's office, along with the Office of Planning and Development, will bring a workshop to Agawam for the benefit of the town's storefront small businesses. This free, two-hour workshop will provide ideas and instruction in the areas of business identity and positioning, store and restaurant design, visual merchandising and retail marketing. Tips, tools, trends and tricks of the trade will be shared and business owners' specific questions will be answered.

The workshop, underwritten by the Massachusetts Downtown Initiative, will be held Tuesday, June 14, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The program will run from 8 to 10 a.m. Coffee and an opportunity for business owners to network with one another will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Best Retail Practices is offered by Christine Moynihan of Retail Visioning. This program has helped proprietors improve their businesses through workshops and one-on-one consultants throughout Massachusetts. Formerly the vice president of retail marketing for a national footwear brand, Moynihan has helped launch a number of new store concepts around the country and has worked to improve retail

establishments for over 15 years. Over 1,500 retailers have attended her workshops and more than 500 small businesses have taken advantage of her consultation services through programs that support local economic development. Every attendee at the workshop will receive Moynihan's booklet, "A Retailer's Gut Check, A Self-Assessment Guide for Small Business."

The workshop is free to all business owners in the area. In addition to the workshop, six businesses will be selected to receive a free one-on-one, on-site consultation with Moynihan, where she will make specific, practical recommendations for improvement. These businesses will also have \$350 worth of improvements made on their behalf.

For more information about the program or to register to attend, contact Marc Strange, Agawam's director of planning and community development. He can be reached by email at mstrange@agawam.ma.us or by phone at 413-786-0400, ext. 8245.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Doering gardeners made the right call

It was a spot of sunshine after a long week of work. On Friday, a reader called the Agawam Advertiser News simply to say that she had enjoyed the photo gallery on page 9 of last week's newspaper — one of the best features she'd seen in the newspaper in a long while.

She was talking about photographs of Roberta Doering School students weeding, raking and planting flowers in front of their school on May 19. She said the newspaper showcased a great variety of subjects: students carrying plants, a student and teacher bagging yard waste, three girls reacting to finding a worm, a visit by the mayor.

We'll take the praise — and any more that other readers are willing to offer — but really, the accolades are due entirely to the student volunteers, faculty organizers and school administrators who approved the project. When a couple dozen sixth-graders donate their time after the afternoon bell to get their hands dirty while making their school look pretty, it's hard to miss getting pictures that tell a great story.

The pictures show that you don't have to have a brand-new building to take pride in your surroundings.

The pictures show that not all learning happens within the classroom — and that Agawam educators like Michelle Cecchi, Jill Despard and Kathy Jediny know that not all teaching happens inside the classroom.

The pictures show that Agawam schools care about our community and our veterans: They purposefully scheduled the cleanup and planting for mid-May, so the school would be looking its best for the planned Memorial Day parade.

The pictures show that in this age of video games keeping our kids indoors, smartphones focusing their attention on electronic communication, over-scheduling in sports and youth activities, and the supposed decline in community spirit, our youngsters can still volunteer to come together and have fun doing good.

The pictures show children smiling.

They're not the only ones. Take a drive past Doering School (just do yourself a favor and don't try it at 2:50 p.m., when school gets out) and look at the flowers and the patriotic decorative fence. You'll smile yourself, because it truly is a great picture.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

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Letters to the Editor

Grateful to God, spouse and the Police Dept.

On December 31, 2015, I had suffered cardiac arrest at my home. If it weren't for the swift actions of my wife and Officer Ron Brown of the Agawam Police Department, I would not be writing this letter. God's grace, my wife and Officer Brown brought me back to life.

There can be no greater act of heroism than when an officer acts in such a professional manner and doing so with outstanding response time. Officer Brown used the

automatic defibrillator from his cruiser and was successful in starting my heart again.

I also have to thank the Agawam Fire Department for their professionalism in keeping me alive on my way to Baystate Hospital.

Victor J. Rufo
Feeding Hills

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Thank you all for supporting our youth and giving them the opportunity to attend a summer camp and create terrific lifelong memories.

Janet Brown
Director of Children and Family Ministries
Agawam Congregational Church

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JAY SPEAKS

The invisible neighbor

Kitty and I lived in the Forest Park area of Springfield for 37 years. Our children were born there, went to school, made friends, and eventually left after college graduation.

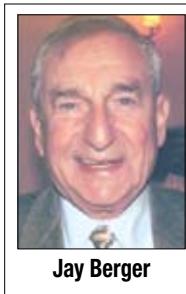
We knew our neighbors for many years; they were as long-term as we were. There were accountants, lawyers, teachers, editors, industrialists, retirees and just plain folks. We knew the children, where they went to school, when they were married and had children. That's what neighbors do.

From time to time we had block parties. Most neighbors pitched in. We all brought tables, chairs and decorations. Everyone brought food and drinks. Some brought music and often one or two people provided entertainment.

We were sort of the envy of the streets north and south of us, and before long they were copying what we were doing. At the same time, rather than rely on the city to clean our streets and mow our lawns, we took turns and did it ourselves. In some ways, we were a little enclave in a bigger universe.

One of the homes in our neighborhood was occupied by a young woman and her mother. They lived quietly and often we would see them walking a dog down the street and around the corner. A casual wave, a "good morning, how are you?" would initiate some conversation. They always took part in the "block parties" with cookies and cakes, or breads. The two, daughter and mom, were the family.

One summer's day as I was leafing through the daily mail, a letter fell to the floor and when I picked it up, I noted that it was addressed to the mom and daughter.



Jay Berger

Trying to be a good citizen, I took the letter and walked a few door down the street to give it to our neighbor.

I pressed the doorbell and after several seconds the door was opened by a middle-aged man.

"Who are you?" I gasped. Well I'm (and he mentioned the daughter's name) her father. I stammered, "I've lived here over 30 years and never knew you existed!" He responded, "They keep me down in the cellar." When I recoiled, he rushed to say, "I'm not abused as you may think, but I work nights as a baker and try to be quiet during the day.

I introduced myself and handed over the mail and walked back home. I sat on my front steps giving some quiet thoughts to what just transpired. I had to admit to myself the first thought that came into my mind, that here was an abusive situation. The media are loaded with situations all over the world where one or more members of the family is isolated for years and mistreated.

I thought of that instantly. I forgot that not every family has a father and mother with regular hours and that the children are all raised the same way ... go to school, get married, have children and start another similar family.

Today, we live in a 24-hour, seven-day economy. People work differing shifts over the seven days. Not every family works the way that our family works. Here was an eye-opener and I almost failed the test.

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Storowton tour highlights museum's history

WEST SPRINGFIELD — As part of the 100th year celebration of Eastern States Exposition, Storowton Village Museum will introduce a look at its own past through a guided tour titled "Imagination and Determination, the Founding of Storowton Village," at 6 p.m. Monday, June 6, at the museum on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

The story of the creation of the village will be told through the eyes of Storowton volunteers who portray characters that played a part in the development of the authentic site.

From 1927 to 1931, Helen O. Storow, an Exposition trustee and chairman of its Home Department, relocated nine 18th and 19th century buildings from Massachusetts and New Hampshire to West Springfield to create a permanent location for her department in the form of an Early American village.

It all began with the \$200 purchase of the Gilbert Farmstead, from circa 1794, which was originally located in West Brookfield, Mass. Folks will hear from "Mr. Murphy," who was in charge of installing the home's infrastructure including water, electric and drainage.

Behind the Gilbert house, Aunt Helen's Herb Garden was designed as a Girl Scout

project in 1935 by Grace Hight Kirkwood, and was a surprise gift for Storow following the completion of the village.

Visitors will also meet "Charles Roy," the carpenter who will outline the invention of new tools to help make the restoration process easier; "Katherine Herron," Storow's personal representative who oversaw the daily operation of the village; "Louise Woodford," the first supervisor of the Tavern, which she opened for dinner, tea and tavern games; "Charles Nash," who scheduled all the programming and eventually became general manager of the Exposition from 1923 to 1951; and many more.

The tour is \$7 per person and advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the village at 413-205-5051.

For more information, call 413-786-9421 or visit www.captainleonardhouse.com.



Chamber seminar free to area businesses

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber will host a seminar on how to grow your business online from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9. This free workshop will be held at the West Springfield Public Library at 200 Park St.

Early registration is encouraged, as space is limited. To register, call 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.



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Obituary

Mary E. (Bozek) Blascak, 98

Mary E. (Bozek) Blascak, 98, of Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, died Monday, May 30, at home surrounded by her loving family. Mary was born in Chicopee Falls, the youngest daughter of John and Catherine (Jackeil) Bozek, and has lived in Agawam for the past 72 years.

She and her husband, Philip, operated the Shoemaker Lane Farm, a dairy farm, for many years. She also bred and raised geese, ducks and chickens, which were shown at the Big E. In 1953, her geese won "Best in Show" and the trophy is on display at the Agawam Museum.

A communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church since 1944 and a member of its Over-60 Club, Mary also was a member of the St. Stephen Slovak Society of Westfield, the Agawam Garden Club and Senior Center.

She was predeceased by her husband, Philip Blascak. She leaves two daughters, Elizabeth Denehy and Nancy Power and her husband Stephen; two grandchildren, Michael and Denise Denehy; two great-grandchildren, Keira and Neveah Denehy; and her faithful companion, "Trouble." Besides her husband, she was predeceased by a brother, Walter Bozek; and two sisters, Jane Tarzynski and Caroline Conniff.

The funeral will be held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home Saturday, June 4, at 9 a.m., with liturgy in St. John the Evangelist Church at 10 a.m., followed by burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. For more details, please visit curranjones.com. Memorial contributions may be made to FRIENDS Down's Syndrome, P.O. Box 677, Brandon, FL 33509 (friendssupport.org).



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Funeral June 4
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Funeral Home

DellaGiustina, Robert G.

Died May 18
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Take two



Mayor Richard Cohen cut the ribbon on the new West of the River Family Center, which takes the place of the Agawam Y, on Wednesday morning with supporters and board members of the facility. Story and more photos in next week's Agawam Advertiser News. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Construction crews work on the frame of the new Dunkin' Donuts being built at 38 N. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Business zone it is in, despite the fact that some abutting properties are zoned Residence A-2. She also noted the ZBA held the public hearing over three sessions gave consideration to the concerns of the neighbors, as well as taking advice from town departments.

The ZBA also placed restrictions on drive-through operations, asking to have the windows placed in the rear of the property and requiring sound barriers so the intercom would not be as audible to neighbors. The ZBA also stipulated hours of operation for the window as well as restricted hours for deliveries.

Fein stated she believed the ZBA decision was not arbitrary and that the original decision showed "no evidence" that the proposed use would have an adverse impact on the neighborhood.

"The evidence at trial as summarized makes clear that the drive-through window itself will not adversely affect the health, safety, or property value of the neighborhood," the judge stated.

The decision ended a year-long struggle between the neighbors and DePalma.

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back on the capital plan for years before they were finally approved.

"It could happen next year. It could happen in 10 years," the mayor said.

The town has capacity under the limits of Proposition 2 1/2 to raise taxes to fund the ECC without requiring a ballot vote, but Cohen said it might make sense to hold a non-binding referendum to guide the City Council in its vote.

Improvements to the town's water and sewer systems proposed in the capital plan will result in a net increase in bond spending of \$525,637 in fiscal 2017, rising to more than \$2 million by fiscal 2022, as new projects are bonded. This debt would not affect the property tax rate, but could result in hikes to utility rates.

A few items have been removed from the capital plan in the past few weeks, including money for street and sidewalk improvements. As amended, the town will spend \$205,000 of capital improvement money next year on street improvements, and \$40,000 on sidewalks. Cohen said the capital plan money is only a portion of what the town spends on infrastructure; the town receives nearly \$900,000 annually in Chapter 90 state highway aid, to be spent on streets and sidewalks.

Another item removed is a \$159,500 roof replacement at Town Hall. Cohen said he will try to have that project funded by Community Preservation Act funds earmarked

for historical preservation. The pitched portion of the Town Hall roof is leaking and needs to be replaced, Cohen said.

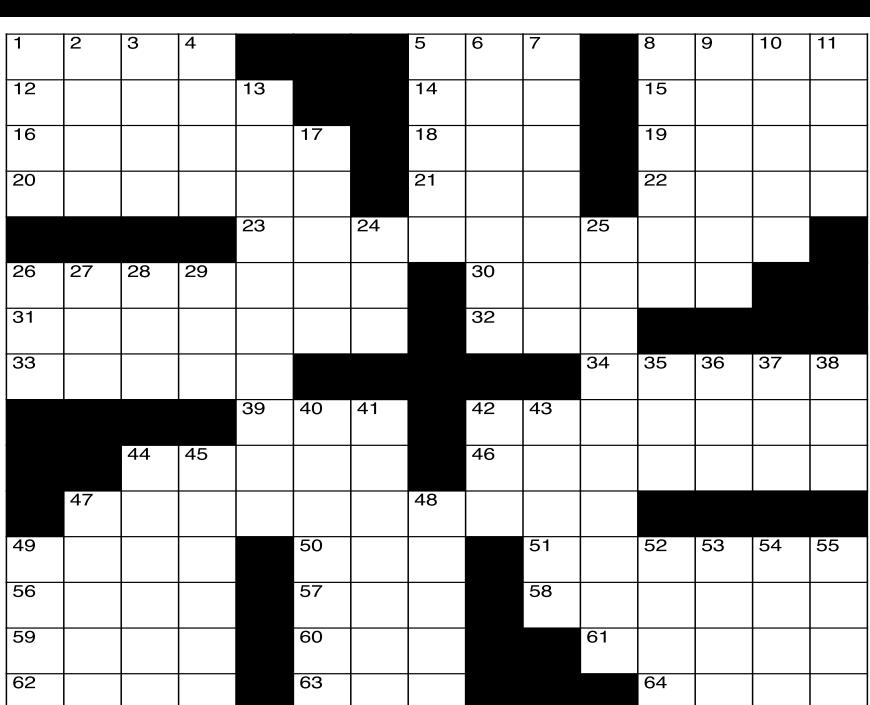
Asked if repairs at Town Hall meant that he no longer sees a need for a new municipal office building — a project that was included as a long-range goal in previous capital plans — the mayor responded: "At some point we'll have to look at it."

Items such as the streets and sidewalks, new voting machines, police station locker rooms and a Fire Department vehicle will be paid as part of a \$1.3 million appropriation from the general fund, and would not be bonded or require a tax increase.

The City Council will vote this month on whether to accept the capital plan, but town Treasurer-Collector Laurel Placzek noted that adopting the plan does not necessarily mean it will be implemented as written.

"Every project in here has to be individually brought to the council for a vote," she said.

Residents are invited to share their thoughts on the capital plan at a City Council public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, June 6, in the Roberta Doering School auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam. Copies of the report are available for viewing during business hours at the town clerk's office in Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam; at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.; and at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.



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1. Quickly
5. Strike caller
8. Canadian flyers
12. Mrs. Leno
14. Car mechanics group
15. Therefore
16. Concerted
18. Carries energy (abbr.)
19. Bestow praise
20. Damage
21. Most cars need this
22. Ingests
23. Set apart again
26. Breeding ground
30. English electronic musician
31. One who is bound
32. Return on equity
33. Beloved princess
34. TV stars get these

CLUES DOWN

39. Diet soft drink
42. More gravelly
44. Placido Domingo sings this
46. Herbaceous plant
47. Medication
49. Continent
50. Armed
51. Took the place of
56. "Eric" from "Twilight"
57. Sink
58. Print errors
59. A restaurant's offerings
60. Afflict
61. Sorrow
62. Long ago
63. Midway between north and northeast
64. Go in a specified direction
36. Farrow, actress
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37. Japanese money
38. No seats available
39. Diet soft drink
40. Craftsman
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43. Capital of Yemen
44. Take part in a rebellion
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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 429 calls for service from May 23 to May 29. The department recorded four arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, May 27

Scott W. Haapanen, 52, of 134 Channell Drive, Agawam, was arrested on two default warrants for failure to appear.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 82 EMS calls from May 17 to May 23, and the following emergency response calls.

On May 17 at 7:19 p.m., the department responded to Franklin Street Ext. for alarm system activation, no fire—unintentional.

On May 17 at 7:30 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service.

On May 18 at 2:41 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street at Suffield Street for trash or rubbish fire, contained.

On May 19 at 1:20 p.m., the department responded to S. Westfield Street to assist invalid.

On May 20 at 5:26 a.m., the department responded to North Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 20 at 12:43 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle to assist invalid.

On May 20 at 1:16 p.m., the department responded to Fernwood Drive to assist invalid.

On May 20 at 2:52 p.m., the department responded to Belden Court to assist police or other governmental agency.

Saturday, May 28

Kareem Nesbeth, 26, of 117 Wait St., Springfield, was arrested on a probation warrant.

Ashley Elizabeth Lacross, 22, of 25 Homer St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a straight warrant for failure to pay fines.

Daniel T. Simpson, 62, of 793 River Road, Agawam, was arrested on charges of marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop for police.

same school where she's ending her career.

The next year she became a full-time speech therapist in Longmeadow — but Proposition 2 1/2 had just become law. New teachers like Palazzi began receiving pink slips and never knew if they would remain employed.

She left teaching for the tech industry when a company offered to double her salary and send her to California for training. Ten years later she was laid off.

"I was actually happy about it — my heart never left education. I couldn't wait to get back," she said.

Starting as a sub

But her only options were becoming a paraprofessional or a substitute teacher.

"I left a \$60,000 job for \$50 a day — and I was thrilled," recalled Palazzi.

William Sapelli — now the district's superintendent and then the principal at RPS — advised her to sub rather than become an aide.

"He said he could better tell what kind of a teacher I would be as a building substitute — some of the best advice I ever got," said Palazzi, who returned to Agawam as substitute in 1991 and began working full time as special education teacher in 1995.

Two years later, in 1997, Palazzi started teaching fourth grade at the James Clark School. While there, she became certified as an elementary school principal.

In 2002, when Sapelli was appointed assistant superintendent, Palazzi succeeded him as RPS principal.

During her tenure as principal, Palazzi said one of the biggest changes she's seen has been the nearly doubling of the number of her staff from 40 to 75.

"Managing all of these folks is a huge job. The biggest part of it is the evaluation of teachers and the state-mandated changes to evaluations," she said.

One of Palazzi's proudest career moments as principal: encouraging numerous teachers — including Clark Principal Shelley Russell — to become certified as administrators. Sapelli said Palazzi's work mentoring new principals has made a critical difference.

"It's been very valuable not only to individual principals but also to the district as a whole," he said. "Cindy was appreciated and will be missed."

Palazzi always wanted to spend more time on her sailboat, so she doesn't anticipate any regrets about retiring — at least until the weather turns too cold to stay on the boat. She will, however, miss the children and the staff.

"As much as my job has changed over the years, the children haven't. Kids will be kids. They say and do the craziest things," she said. "The people I work with are like family to me — after all, I spend a good deal

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Robinson Park School Principal Cynthia Palazzi chats with fourth graders Hadley Votzakis and Marcus Wallace, left, and second grader Brody Hollister, right, during her final weeks as principal before retiring after a 25-year education career in Agawam. She said she will miss the children and the staff — but not the many evening meetings. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

of my waking hours with them."

Humor and chocolate

Teachers at RPS said they will miss Palazzi's support and sense of humor. Among their fondest memories are Palazzi crying at fourth grade graduation, and her love of chocolate.

Fourth grade teacher Andrea Polley still remembers advice she got from Palazzi when faced with making a decision. "She told me: 'Your ship has arrived. Either get on it or it will sail away."

Polley said teachers cherished hearing Palazzi's heartfelt encouragement every September: "She always told us what a great staff we were and how proud she was of us."

Tracey Chrisanthopoulos, Palazzi's secretary, has been "dreading" the day Palazzi retires.

"There's never a day that I wake up that I don't want to go to work. This is largely because of Cindy. She's my boss, but she's also become a good friend," said Chrisanthopoulos.

Although Chrisanthopoulos will miss Palazzi, she's happy Palazzi and her husband will finally get to sail off into the sunset without worrying about turning their boat back to land for the start of another school year.

Heritage Hall to host free polka concert

The Heritage Hall Campus will host its annual summer concert from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam. Grammy-nominated band Lenny Gomulka and Chicago Push will play their trademarked "push" style of polka as well as a variety of

other music.

Face painting, balloon animals and popcorn will round out this fun family event. Admission is free. Come early and bring a lawn chair or blanket. For more information, contact Nicole Wallace at 413-789-8332 or email Nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

Howie Carr to speak at Chamber breakfast

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business Breakfast Seminar from 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. The event will take place at Chez Josef, 1760 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The keynote speaker will be Howie Carr, award-winning columnist for the Boston Herald and radio talk show host.

Sponsorship opportunities are available

for the cost of \$750 for presenting sponsors, \$500 for premier sponsors and \$250 for preferred sponsors.

Tickets are \$35 per person for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. For more information or tickets, call 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

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Youth



Tessa Lombardi-Williams, second from right, was named the Boys and Girls Club of West Springfield 2016 Youth of the Year. Pictured with her are, from left, Kensey Rhodes, program staff member; Dan D'Angelo, executive director; and Priscilla Reyes, program development director. Submitted photo

AHS student earns club's 'Youth of the Year' award

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The board of trustees and staff of the Boys and Girls Club of West Springfield has announced Tessa Lombardi-Williams as the 2016 Youth of the Year winner. Selected among local outstanding youth, Lombardi-Williams will compete against other Boys and Girls Club members for the Massachusetts Youth of the Year title this weekend.

A nine-year member of the club, Lombardi-Williams credits her club experience in positively shaping the person she is today.

"I have loved growing up in the club, and have learned so many things during my time as a member and junior staff leader," she said. "My club has encouraged me to become a role model to younger members and to set the right example in always being respectful to others, how to set goals, and has helped me to develop a great sense of optimism, encouraging me to never give up on my dreams."

Lombardi-Williams is currently a freshman attending Agawam High School and manages the varsity spring lacrosse team and also plays indoor lacrosse. Throughout the year, she volunteers much of her time at the club, providing members with daily homework support or helping out in the café.

Being named Youth of the Year is the

highest honor a Boys and Girls Club member can receive. Youth of the Year recognizes outstanding contributions to a club member's family, school, community and Boys and Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles. Youth of the Year encourages club members to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles and contributing to their communities.

"We are very proud and honored to have Tessa as our 2016 Youth of the Year," said Dan D'Angelo, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of West Springfield.

If Lombardi-Williams wins at the state competition, to be held at Westfield State University on June 5-6, she will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, courtesy of Disney, with additional support from University of Phoenix, Toyota and the Taco Bell Foundation.

The winner will then compete for the title of Northeast Region Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 scholarship, renewable up to four years. Five regional winners will then advance to Washington, D.C., to compete for the title of BGCA's National Youth of the Year, with the winner receiving a \$25,000 scholarship renewable up to four years and have an opportunity to meet with the president of the United States at the White House.

Youth Fishing Day slated for June 5

The fifth annual Bob "Who" Rennell Memorial Agawam Youth Fishing Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills.

Open to all Agawam youth 16 and under and club members and their kids, it is

free of charge. Food and beverages will be available and there will be free raffles for kids. Bait will be available at the clubhouse free of charge and no fishing license is required.

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AHS student among Horace Smith scholarship winners

On Thursday, June 16, the Horace Smith Fund will hold its 117th Corporators' Meeting and scholarship awards ceremony at the Carriage House at Storrorton Tavern for recipients, their parents and school counselors and corporators. Wayne Webster, chairman of the board of trustees, announced that this year there will be 21 scholarship and four fellowship recipients.

Agawam High School student Samantha Swistak is among those to be awarded a scholarship.

Students were selected on a variety of criteria, including their test scores, class rank, extra-curricular activities, and a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance.

"Providing that students maintain at least a B average in college, each scholarship provides a total of \$10,000 over four years and each fellowship provides \$12,000 over three years," said Webster. "Therefore, the Horace Smith Fund is happy to be able to grant a total award of \$258,000 to area students this year."

"The Horace Smith Fund was established in 1899 by the successful and generous philanthropist named Horace Smith," according to Teresa E. Regina, chairman of the scholarship committee. "He and Daniel Wesson were the founders of Smith & Wesson, located in Springfield. Mr. Smith's will provided that the residual of his estate, after several bequests to relatives and institutions, was to be used for public purposes at the discretion of his executors. They decided that it should be used to help deserving students finance their education."

The scholarships and fellowships are named for Walter S. Barr, a West Springfield businessman, whose widow left the bulk of the family estate to the Horace Smith Fund in 1950. Recipients must be residents of Hampden County.

The keynote speaker will be Raul Centeno Pedraza of Springfield, a 2016 graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology and past recipient of the Walter S. Barr Scholarship.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, June 6: Baked chicken patty sandwich, low-fat potato chips, carrots and ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, June 7: French toast, hash browns, cheese omelet, fresh fruit, strawberry cup.

Wednesday, June 8: Tacos (ground beef/turkey, lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese), baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, June 9: Steak and cheese grinder, peppers and onions, low-fat Doritos, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, June 10: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie. James Clark School: Cookout

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Thursday, June 9: Baked chicken patty sandwich, low-fat potato chips, carrots and ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit. James Clark School: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, June 10: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie. James Clark School: Cookout

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, June 6: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Tuesday, June 7: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Wednesday, June 8: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Thursday, June 9: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Friday, June 10: Pillsbury mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Special interest programs

Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the fall session through the "College Now" program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: The Online MBA Report; Horatio Alger Association & Technical Scholarship; American College Foundation; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship; Class of 1980 Scholarship; Amherst Orchid Society; Jewish Endowment Fund; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; The Phillips Scholarship Fund; The Michael Ya-

sick ADHD Scholarship by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Hampden County Improvement League; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship; The Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship.

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NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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The Doering UniCubers team solves Rubik's Cubes during a tournament held last week at Agawam Junior High School.



Emmaline Whitney with her solved cube at the table.



Jordan Conway, left, stands with her brother Jack Conway and his medal as part of the Doering UniCubers.



Cameron Cofer from Doering School works on solving a cube.

Doering students quickest with cubes

Roberta Doering School students took top honors at a Rubik's Cube tournament they hosted May 24 at Agawam Junior High School.

In a three-way competition with Academy Hill School of Springfield and St. Joseph School of Haverhill, Mass., students from Agawam were the fastest at solving the 1980s-era 3-D puzzle in solo competitions and in one of two divisions of team competitions.

In individual competitions, A.K. Liporada of Doering School posted the fastest time of all, solving in 20.42 seconds, followed by Christopher Gosselin and Jackson Nichols of St. Joseph School, at 25.78 and 26.67. They represented the top times in Division 2, which was open

to students in grades 6-8.

The fastest in Division 1, open to grades K-5, were Arthur Panchelyuga (44.28 seconds) and Sam Morse (50.91) of Doering School, followed by Chase Aksion (53.55) of St. Joseph.

For the team competitions, groups of about eight students had to solve 25 Rubik's Cubes as quickly as possible. The top teams in Division 1 were the Doering Gwam Cubers, at 5 minutes, 42 seconds; the Doering Crazy Cubers (6:58); and Academy Hill School (7:33). In Division 2, the team from St. Joseph posted the best time, 3 minutes, 17 seconds, followed by the Doering Skrubs (3:31) and Doering UniCubers (7:20).



Participants in the tournament came from Doering School, Academy Hill School in Springfield and St. Joseph School in Haverhill, Mass. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



The Skrubs were the second of three teams in the Division 2 competition. Members included, from left, Igor Lavrenchuk, Cameron Cofer, Patrick MacDonald, Jesse Davydov, Sam Garfield and Virginia Caney.



The Doering Gwam Cubers, who took first place in the Division 1 team competition, included, from left, Sam Morse, Arthur Panchelyuga, Joe Liquori and Jacob Croteau. Panchelyuga and Morse also placed first and second, respectively, in the Division 1 solo competition.

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Ceremony attendees applaud as veterans of the U.S. Marine Corps stand for "The Marine Corps Hymn." Songs from all five armed services were played. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Families of soldiers remembered at ceremony

By Michael J. Ballway
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Mid the graves at Agawam's Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Monday, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker said Memorial Day is about more than just the names on the headstones.

"We should remember them, [but] especially for their families, who lost someone they loved, we should say thanks," Baker said during remarks at a Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery on Main Street in Agawam.

Baker spoke about living on the same street as the war memorials in Swampscott, Mass., and seeing family members stop to pay their respects at the plaques. As he got to know the names on those monuments, said Baker, he realized that they were the same last names as many current town residents; for some of his neighbors, soldiers killed in action in World War II, Korea, Vietnam or more recent conflicts aren't just a name — they're a father, a mother, a sibling or a spouse.

"Those names on those memorials in Swampscott remind me, always, that there are families deeply connected to every name on every memorial and headstone," Baker said.

Several of the speakers echoed the theme of thanking fallen soldiers' families for their sacrifice. Quoting Abraham Lin-

coln's remark that the dead at the Battle of Gettysburg had given "the last full measure of devotion" to their country, Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemeteries Director Richard Bastien said their sacrifice was a burden "not just on those who serve, but also those whom they love."

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Springfield, credited the Agawam cemetery for its beauty and its staff's professionalism, and said Western Massachusetts is lucky to have the cemetery, the Holyoke Soldiers' Home and the Veterans Administration hospital in Northampton. He said he hoped that federal politicians could come together, without partisanship, to support veterans' needs.

Also speaking at the event were state Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield; state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick; state Rep. Benjamin Swan, D-Springfield; Mayor Domenic Sarno of Springfield; Francisco Urena, secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services; and Pastor Jeff Chandler of Cottage Hill Church, Springfield.

The early-afternoon ceremony was held outdoors in partly sunny weather, as the thunderstorms that had been forecast for Memorial Day failed to materialize. Responding to the early forecasts, Agawam had canceled its annual Main Street parade and Veterans Green ceremony, though short observances at town cemeteries were held.



Francisco Urena, secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, delivers an address at the Memorial Day ceremony Monday at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Seated behind him, left to right, are Gov. Charlie Baker; Richard Bastien, director of the state's veterans cemeteries; U.S. Rep. Richard Neal; and state Sen. Donald Humason. In the foreground is Missing Man Table, symbolizing prisoners of war.



State Sen. Donald Humason stands with, from left, Edie Siano, Karen Pasko, Audrey Consolmagno and Gail Chapdelaine. Pasko works at the Veterans Cemetery and Consolmagno is a volunteer there; Siano is Pasko's mother and Chapdelaine is Pasko's sister.



Members of the U.S. Air Force 439th Patriot Wing Honor Guard from Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee fire a gun salute during the ceremony.



Gov. Charlie Baker meets with World War II veteran Hubert D'Ambrosio, left, and his son Tom D'Ambrosio, right. Both are residents of Feeding Hills.



Cars line up for parking at the Veterans Cemetery just before the afternoon Memorial Day ceremony.

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Tammy Watson, who led the band in the late 1990s and early 2000s, first came to know Davis as a rival — she was a band member at Chicopee Comp in the 1970s, and would see the Marching Mohawks in action when the two high schools played football games against each other.

She gained a newfound respect for him when the tax-limiting Proposition 2 1/2 went into effect in the early 1980s. To save money, most school districts in the area decimated their marching bands, including Chicopee Comp, Watson said. But Darcy Davis stood tall as a champion of arts education in Agawam, she said.

"Agawam was the only one that was pretty much intact," she said. "To me, his biggest contribution was the arts advocacy. If it wasn't for Darcy, none of us would be here right now."

Davis called the honor "overwhelming" and said he was "thrilled from the bottom of my soul." He said the strength of the band and music education in Agawam wasn't a solo effort.

"We were able to accomplish so many things because so many people were willing to support us," Davis

said. Speaking to the directors who followed him, he added, "You've done just terrific. You deserve the support of the town just as much as they supported me."

Mayor Richard Cohen said the idea to name the band shell after Davis came from current band parents, and was enthusiastically supported by himself and the City Council, which passed it unanimously. Though Davis was best known for his accomplishments as the band director, said Cohen, he's also served Agawam as a Senior Center music instructor and as a historian of music in town. What's more, he has "the biggest heart" of anyone.

"You are a special person that we truly love as a human being," Cohen said. "Your legacy will live on forever and ever."

The dedication ceremony was part of the third annual Bandathon music festival, a fundraiser that included performances by several school and community musical acts, including a Marching Mohawks band with a mix of alumni, current high schoolers and Agawam Junior High School students.



Agawam High School band director William Hueglin leads a Marching Mohawks band made up of current high school students, alumni and students at Agawam Junior High School.



A mix of young and old band members played several songs together without having had a chance to practice as a unit.



With temperatures too hot for their traditional uniforms, the Marching Mohawks wore orange and brown T-shirts.



Above: The band's color guard — a favorite of Darcy Davis' — performs for the crowd at Bandathon.



Below: The Marching Mohawks' brass section plays at Bandathon last Saturday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



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SPORTS

LACROSSE

Brownies close season with eight-game win streak

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM — Make it eight straight wins for the Agawam High School girls lacrosse team as they closed out the regular season last week with victories over East Longmeadow and a 17-4 drubbing of Amherst Regional High School last Tuesday afternoon.

The Brownies, who celebrated Senior Day away from their typical home at Harmon A. Smith Field, were unaffected by their temporary surroundings at School Street Park and completely took it Amherst, scoring five times before the Hurricanes were able to break through with a goal, and had a 7-1 lead halfway through the first frame.

The Brownies would score another six goals in the final 12 minutes of the half and had a commanding 13-2 lead at half-

time.

The scoring stalled a bit for Agawam as it placed much of its bench in the game in the second half. But the defense did an excellent job and Agawam outscored Amherst 4-2 in the final half.

Katie Martin, a senior that is ticketed for Old Dominion in Virginia this fall, celebrated her final regular season home game with a seven-point performance. She had four goals and three assists.

Eliza Timms also performed well with four goals and no assists. Julia Serra had three goals and Izzy Liquori and Emily Oliver had two goals each. Christie Mirski also had a big day, contributing six assists.

Both Kristina Tran and Sabrina Christie got into the game for Agawam and combined for eight saves for the home team.

Last Monday afternoon, the Brownies traveled to East Long-



Taia Vivenzio tries to block the path of an Amherst attacker. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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Katie Martin makes a rush for the goal.



Caitlin Normoyle makes a run up the right side.



Eliza Timms fields a ground ball.

SOFTBALL

Terriers spoil Agawam finale

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM — It started out with a long double, and few seeing-eye hits and a couple of errors later, the Agawam High School softball team saw their regular season finale slip away as they lost to West Springfield last Friday afternoon 7-4.

The Brownies had an uncharacteristically bad inning on defense in the bottom of the fifth inning, allowing five runs to come across the plate to give West Springfield a 7-3 lead.

It was Briana Giancola who got things started as she socked a double to deep left field to lead off the bottom of the fifth inning. At the time, Agawam had a 3-2 lead.

That would lead to a single by Gillian Pirnie, followed by a hit by Aaliyah Lopez tying the score. The Terriers then had a series of squib hits that managed to trickle through the infield gaps. Coupled with some ill-advised throws, the Terriers scored four more runs.

Agawam was able to come right back in the top of the sixth



Pitcher Allison Wheeler hurls in the fourth inning for Agawam. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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POSTSEASON SOFTBALL

Lady Brownies earn third seed in D1

By Dave Forbes
Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer

NORTHAMPTON — All of the hard work put on during the pre-season and regular season comes down to this time of year.

The final set of playoffs for the 2015-2016 school year are set to take place this week, following the announcement of the Western Massachusetts Softball Tournament seedings announced for Divisions 1, 2 and 3 at Northampton High School on Tuesday evening, May 31.

Defending Western Massachusetts Division 1 champion Agawam (15-5) drew the third seed and will host sixth-seeded East Longmeadow (13-6) at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 2 at Borgatti Field.

This will be the second meeting between the two schools this season as Agawam won the previous contest, 4-0, with Allison Wheeler tossing one of her three no-hitters on the season.

If Agawam wins, the Lady Brownies would advance to face

either seventh-seeded Chicopee Comp (13-7) or second-seeded Pittsfield (19-1) in the semifinals. Agawam beat the Lady Colts, 15-2, after losing to the Generals, 1-0, the day before.

The rest of the seeds in Division 1 rounded out this way: Minnechaug (16-4) drew the top spot, West Springfield (13-7) at four, Westfield (13-7) at five, Northampton (12-8) at eight and Taconic (10-10) at nine.

The semifinals for all three divisions are set to take place at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Tuesday, June 7 through Thursday, June 9. The date and start times for all semifinals contests will be announced after the completion of all quarterfinal round games.

The finals will also be back at UMass on Saturday, June 11. Those start times will be determined at the conclusion of the semifinal round.

For the state semifinals and finals, the venue will shift to the

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inning, but only managed to push across one more run.

The Brownies started out the game with a three-run lead.

Allison Wheeler singled with one out in the first inning. Maria Moccio followed by reaching on an error. Both runs would be brought in by Jess Lingenberg. She socked a triple in the gap and chased home both runs to make it 2-0 Agawam.

Gianna Perella then put the ball where it needed to be, driving in a run with a ground out to second base to make it 3-0.

Wheeler drove in the other run with her third hit of the game in

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the sixth inning, driving in Rachel Lappone.

Wheeler allowed seven runs on 12 hits. She struck out only four against the Terriers. Wheeler turned in three hits on offense. Lingenberg, Katie Grasso, and catcher Sierra Kruser had two hits each.

Farrah Adam recovered from the first inning difficulty and went the full seven innings for West Springfield. She allowed four runs on 12 hits and walked one.

The defeat dropped Agawam into a tie with Minnechaug for the Valley League title with a 6-2 record. The Brownies defeated

Amherst on their Senior Day last Wednesday 9-0. In that win, Wheeler pitched a three-hitter with 13 strikeouts. On offense, Moccio had three hits and Grasso had two hits. Both hit home runs. Lappone also had two hits for Agawam.

The Brownies finish the regular season 15-5 and await their seed in the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament. Seeds were announced on Tuesday (see related article).

The Brownies are the defending champions and have won three of the last four sectional championships.

PLAYOFFS

Lacrosse playoff seeds announced

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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REGION — After some reconsideration of their Walker rating, the Westborough High School girls lacrosse team has earned the top seed in the Central/West Division I Girls Lacrosse Tournament, which was set to begin earlier this week.

Westborough may have a meeting with Tantasqua this week after the Warriors get finished with their first-round matchup at North Middlesex.

Agawam High School had a shortened schedule this season and went 13-3 in 16 games this season to get the No. 3 seed. The Brownies have won the right to host a quarterfinal game. Athletic Director David Stratton said as of press time, the game will be held at School Street Park at 4 p.m. on June 2 against the winner of No. 11 Westfield and No. 6 Northampton.

The Minnechaug Falcons received the No. 4 seed with a 14-4 record. They were scheduled to host East Longmeadow

on June 2.

The Division 2 tournament, which also features a mix of Western and Central Massachusetts teams, has a very crowded field this year with 16 teams in the mix for a title.

Topping the entrants from Western Massachusetts is Granby High School, which went 11-5 this season. The Rams received the No. 5 seed and will host a first round game on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. against No. 12 Nipmuc High School. The winner

will face the No. 4 Grafton/No. 13 Notre Dame winner at the site of the higher seed.

Belchertown received the No. 11 seed at 6-12. The Orioles are heading to No. 6 Littleton on May 31 at 4 p.m.

Chicopee High School is 9-7 and is seeded at No. 14. The Pacers are headed to No. 3 Tyngsborough. That game was scheduled for June 1 at 7 p.m.

The quarterfinals will be held between June 2 and 5 with the semifinals and finals scheduled for next week.



Jenna Beach lays down a bunt. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Samantha Stratton makes a throw to first.



Maria Moccio catches a pop-up at third base.



Sierra Kruser touches second and looks for where the ball is.

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east, as all of the contests will be played at Worcester State University in Worcester. The state semis are scheduled for June 14-16 with the finals on Saturday, June 18. Once again, the start times will be determined after all of the competitors are known.

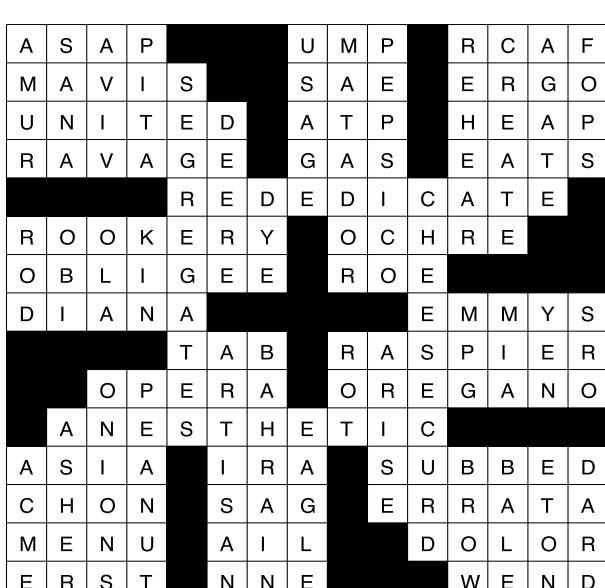
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meadow for their final road game, and took out the Spartans 19-5.

Martin had a career-high 12 points as she scored seven times and assisted on five more goals. Serra had seven points, with four goals and three assists. Oliver, Bruno, Timms, and Mirski had two goals each.

Christie had the full game in goal and played well, especially in the second half when she allowed just one goal. She finished with nine saves.

The Brownies finished the regular

season with a 13-3 record. The Brownies placed second in the Valley Wheel League with a 5-3 record, tied with Minnechaug Regional.

Agawam closed out the regular season with eight consecutive wins, last losing against Minnechaug on May 5.

The Brownies could have to face Minnechaug or Longmeadow if they advance past the quarterfinal round of the tournament. Agawam received the third seed in the tournament, which began earlier this week (see related article).



Several players vie for possession of a ground ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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CHART OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET

DEPARTMENT	Pesonnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					
Council	\$164,111	\$15,600	\$500	\$0	\$180,211
Mayor	\$320,820	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$322,320
Administrative Building	\$26,521	\$203,575	\$0	\$0	\$230,096
Law Department	\$68,650	\$68,500	\$0	\$0	\$137,150
Auditor	\$152,880	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$153,680
Clerk/Elections	\$222,641	\$3,155	\$0	\$0	\$225,796
Assessor	\$184,562	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$254,562
IT Department	\$170,320	\$84,006	\$0	\$17,000	\$271,326
Treasurer-Collector	\$322,738	\$29,500	\$0	\$4,800	\$357,038
Police Department	\$5,074,936	\$337,674	\$82,476	\$124,600	\$5,619,686
Fire Department	\$3,811,081	\$120,800	\$47,750	\$0	\$3,979,631
Inspection Services	\$288,444	\$330	\$0	\$0	\$288,774
Health Department	\$689,854	\$5,100	\$2,750	\$0	\$697,704
Community Development	\$165,120	\$570	\$0	\$0	\$165,690
Agawam Public Library	\$909,752	\$6,800	\$150,452	\$0	\$1,067,004
Parks & Recreation	\$173,666	\$36,705	\$1,000	\$4,100	\$215,471
Council on Aging	\$300,448	\$87,600	\$0	\$0	\$388,048
Public Works Administration	\$108,942	\$3,800	\$50	\$0	\$112,792
Highway & Grounds	\$1,487,164	\$316,580	\$411,075	\$0	\$2,214,819
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$139,405	\$63,815	\$474,620	\$0	\$677,840
Engineering	\$189,491	\$18,292	\$1,200	\$0	\$208,983
Building Maintenance	\$2,247,746	\$1,699,757	\$145,522	\$0	\$4,093,025
Agawam Public Schools					\$42,365,720
Emergency Management					\$36,200
Line Items					\$23,598,004
TOTAL – GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					\$87,861,570
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET					
TOTAL GENERAL FUND					\$975,987
SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS					
Agawam Municipal Golf Course	\$293,542	\$135,800	\$146,400	\$0	\$575,742
Agawam Municipal Golf Course Equipment					\$0
Agawam Municipal Golf Course Total					\$575,742
Water Department	\$944,687	\$3,553,024	\$369,083	\$0	\$4,866,794
Water Capital Improvement Budget					\$69,117
Water Total					\$4,935,911
Wastewater Department	\$578,022	\$2,767,421	\$57,705	\$0	\$3,403,148
Wastewater Capital Improvement Budget					\$47,174
Wastewater Total					\$3,450,322
TOTAL – SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS					\$8,961,975
TOTAL – GENERAL FUND AND SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS					\$97,799,532
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Friday, June 3

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL is hosting a benefit dinner dance at Crestview Country Club from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Jeff Gavioli and his 18-piece big band will provide the music. \$45 per person. For further information, contact Maryellen Sullivan at 413-575-1759 or rudee38@comcast.net.

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER of Western Mass, Inc. chicken cacciatora dinner at 6 p.m., 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Reservations on first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members. Must be paid for in advance. Call Nancy at 413-827-9350.

STYLIST TONY ISHAM will present "WOW — Women or What?" an evening of entertainment featuring female impersonators at Chez Josef in Agawam. Proceeds to benefit Open Pantry. Tickets are \$45 each; table of 10 for \$400. For tickets, contact Lynne Goldberg at 413-530-8453 or Kim Kennedy of Open Pantry at 413-746-6241.

Saturday, June 4

THE RUBBER STAMP & PAPER ARTS FESTIVAL takes place today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$8 ticket for adults good both days; Sunday, \$6; free for children 11 and under. Discount ticket info available at heirloompro.com.

THE ANTIQUES & MODERN FIREARMS SHOW takes place today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$12 for adults; free for children under 12 with parent/guardian. Discount coupon at northeastgunshows.com.

Sunday, June 5

THE SOUTHWICK GRANVILLE CROP HUNGER WALK at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. Registration at noon followed by the walk at 1 p.m. To register, contact Clayton Cigal Jr. at cletocigal@yahoo.com or Marie Daniels at 413-562-1050.

Tuesday, June 7

AGAWAM'S CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE native Asparagus Supper, with proceeds to be used for the preservation of the local landmark. Seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. A donation of \$15 per meal suggested for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12. No charge for children under 6. Reservations required; take-out dinners available. For tickets, call 413-786-9421 or visit E. Cecchi Farms, 1131 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Wednesday, June 8

CHUCK KLING, SUFFIELD RESIDENT AND PHOTOGRAPHER, will present a slide show on his trip to Antarctica at 7 p.m., at Kent Memorial Library. To register, visit www.suffield-library.org, call 860-668-3896 or stop by the library at 61 Fyler Place, Suffield.

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Juried 3D Art Object Show on display today through Saturday at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Included will be works of sculpture, both traditional and contemporary; craft objects made out of jewelry, metal, glass, fabric, basket and gourd; and wall hanging 3D art. Free and open to the public.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, June 6: Chicken chow mein, brown rice, crunchy noodles, apples.
Tuesday, June 7: Cheeseburger casserole, Caesar salad, birthday cake.
Wednesday, June 8: Chef salad (ham, turkey, cheese, egg, tomato, cucumber, romaine lettuce), mixed fruit.
Thursday, June 9: Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, pudding.
Friday, June 10: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, buttered spinach, peaches.

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 6: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing, free hearing screening by Ear Masters; 10 a.m., Fallon Insurance representative; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 2-4 p.m., monthly dance; 3-5 p.m., senior theater group; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Tuesday, June 7: SHINE representative (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard meets at St. John's field; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("The Courtship of Eddie's Father"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 6:30 p.m., evening sewing class.
Wednesday, June 8: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Thursday, June 9: 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art, free blood pressure check; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.
Friday, June 10: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

FREE HEARING CLINIC BY AVADA, at the Southwick Senior Center, 454 College Highway, starting at 9:30 a.m. Appointments are required and may be made by calling 413-569-5498. Hearing aids may also be cleaned at this time.

CONNECTICUT MORGAN OPEN HORSE SHOW today through Saturday with sessions at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Thursday, June 9

AUTHOR TALK AT KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 61 Fyler Place, Suffield, will feature Karl Cicito and Alan Cohen, authors of "100: The 100-Year Journey of a Baseball Journeyman, Mike Sandlock." Register online at www.suffield-library.org, by phone at 860-668-3896 or at the library.

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THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The Feminine Side of 20th Century" featuring Robin Hoffman and Jodi Stiffelman at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, June 11

A STRAWBERRY SUPPER at First Congregational Church of Granby, 219 North Granby Road, Granby, Conn. with sittings at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$12 for adults; \$7 for children under 12. For reservations, call the church at 860-653-4537.

PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Phelps-Hatheway House in Suffield. Free admission. Reservations for luncheon, which is \$25 per person, required by June 1. Call 860-668-0055, or email phelps.hatheway@ctlandmarks.org for more information or to register.

"POOCH-A-PALOOZA" dog fashion show and parade 1-3 p.m. at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam. Prizes, pet photos, a 50-50 raffle and refreshments. A portion of the money raised will be donated to Dakin Humane Society.

Sunday, June 12

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Wednesday, June 15

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382 OF FEEDING HILLS Strawberry Supper at the Grange Hall, 47 N. West St. Servings from 4 to 7 p.m. \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. For reservations, call 413-789-2061.

Thursday, June 16

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES continues with the Cicci Santucci Jazz Quintet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Storrorton Village Green on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Illuminate Ground: Finding a Personal Vision of the Landscape" featuring Michael Zide, photographer, educator and speaker, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, June 17

GIANT INDOOR TAG AND RUMMAGE SALE today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, 331 Elm St., Westfield. Shoppers are asked to use the rear entrance from the parking lot with handicapped accessible ramp.

HARNESSING MUAY BORAN LLC, a Muay Thai martial arts studio in Feeding Hills, will host "Kick Start in Martial Arts," a two-day expo focusing on how martial arts plays a vital role in health and wellness, at the MassMutual Center today and tomorrow. For more information, visit www.kickstartinmartialarts.com.

Saturday, June 18

A STRAWBERRY SUPPER at Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway at 6 p.m. Cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. For reservations, call 413-569-6362.

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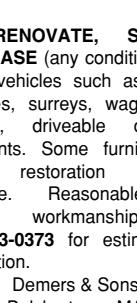
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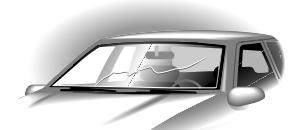
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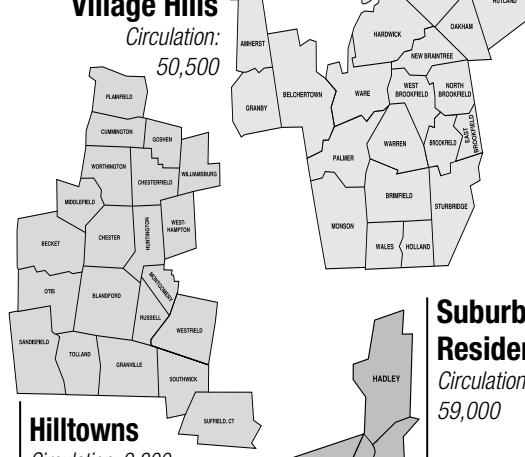
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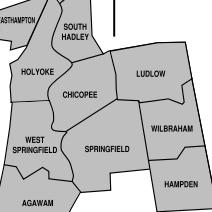
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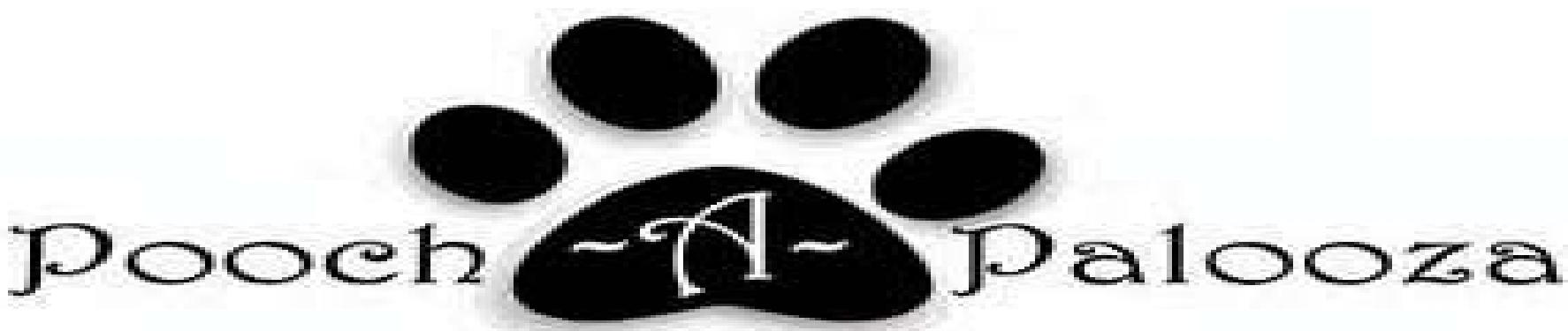
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